

On December 4, 2018, the U.S. Department of Justice and the Atlantic Richfield Company filed a motion to formally request a modification of the confidentiality order.

On December 4, 2018, Judge Haddon of the United States District Court for the District of Montana U.S. v. Atlantic Richfield Company et al., the Superfund lawsuit related to the Clark Fork Basin Superfund sites, ordered the modification of the confidentiality order for the Anaconda Smelter Superfund site.

As part of the agreement reached for the final clean up, the parties also agreed to file a motion with the Court to modify the confidentiality order prohibiting public disclosure of information related to the discussion of proposed cleanup activities at the site. The parties agreed that modifying the order was warranted so that the community could be more engaged earlier in this process.

The order as filed by the parties and issued by the Court will allow for the release of all terms of the agreement that was reached to finish work at the Anaconda Smelter Superfund site. It will also provide opportunities for public review and comment of this information and proposed remedy changes before a formal decision is made to modify existing remedies and implement the future work.

The CD parties will hold a public meeting in Anaconda in the near future to present a general overview of the parties' proposals, the procedural path forward, and the nature of certain technical assessments and other information about the proposed future cleanup actions.